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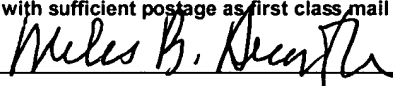
In re Application of: Tokas, et al.  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 11-30-04, applicants amend the claims to overcome 35 USC § 112 rejections, placing them in condition for allowance. Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough review. A petition for extension of time accompanied by fee payment is included in this reply.

Claim 19 is canceled. Amended claim 1 is no longer considered to be generic to this claim. Applicants reserve the option of filing a divisional application as to subject matter encompassed by claim 19.

Claims 1-9, 11-18, 20-43, 45-49, 95, 97 and 99 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph as indefinite. Claim 1 is amended to recite "applying", consistent with claim 13. Claim 14 is further clarified that the catalyst is "applied dissolved or mixed". This further defines beyond "diluted" which could encompass dissolution, suspension, slurring, with or without mixing.

Claim 16 is canceled, as it referred to non-elected B2.

Claims 45-48 are now indicated as previously presented, thereby rejoined.

With regard to claims 21, 42, and 45, the specification defines "normal ambient conditions" on page 6 as *"temperatures typically found in minimal atmosphere control workplaces (for example, about -20°C to about 40°C), pressure of approximately 1 atmosphere and an air atmosphere that contains a certain amount of moisture."* This term encompasses, but is a broader range as to temperature than "room temperature", defined in the specification on page 6 as *"about 10°C to about 40°C, typically about 20°C to about 25°C"*. Applicants therefore submit that claims 21, 42, and 45 further narrow the broader term "normal ambient" conditions.

With regard to claim 39, Applicants deleted the phrase *"the catalyst is applied in an aqueous solution or mixture and"* with the remaining clause as defining over claim 1, as to 100% reactivity.

Claim 43 is amended according to the recommendation provided, "the liquid carrier" is now recited.

Claim 99 is amended to clarify that the subject matter deals with bonding tire tread to tire carcass, eliminating non-clarity as to what component is applied to what substrate. The meaning and result is clear and further defines merely as to the selection of substrates, and not inconsistent with claim 1.

Respectfully submitted,

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